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Preferred route to airport, Hennur-Bagalur Road, has a mini pond of dirty water waiting for commuters, serviced by a choked roadside drain

POINT TO POND-ER

Drains on either side choked with plastic, garbage, debris

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has been spending crores of rupees for asphalting the Hennur-Bagalur Road. The stretch is considered a preferred alternative to the toll expressway to have easy access to the Kempegowda International Airport.

Thousands of motorists commute on Hennur-Bagalur Road daily. No major issues were raised by motorists who commute on this road all these years.

At present, however, motorists have to slow down on this road, near KG Arcade that accommodates Nandana Palace, Domino's, McDonald's and other business establishments, while proceeding towards the Outer Ring Road. The stretch looks like a mini water pond filled with dirty water.

The spot has become a nuisance not only for motorists but also for those who visit eateries nearby in adjacent buildings. "Dirty water is flowing onto the road from the roadside drain. It stinks. I have to think twice now before coming to

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"Desilting of drain will begin on Monday or Tuesday... I will fix this problem...

— Manjunath M, assistant executive engineer, BBMP

No Tow for Now

'No plan to bring back towing of vehicles', expert demands better policy

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Footpath encroachment and illegally parked vehicles have been a cause of concern for commuters as well as traffic police in Bengaluru. However, despite talk in the past few months of bringing back towing of vehicles, the traffic police said it has no plans of reviving the policy.

Special commissioner (traffic) MA Saleem, who recently assumed charge, told Bangalore Mirror that the authorities have no plans yet to bring back towing of illegally parked vehicles in the city. "We are not planning in those lines yet and have not decided on bringing it back," he said.

In February this year, the state government had suspended towing of vehicles from no-parking zones after some motorists alleged harassment by the vehicle-towing personnel. However, no revised policy had been released leading to an increasing number of parking violations.

Currently the traffic police have been making use of wheel clamps to restrict illegal parking offences alongside a fine of Rs 500 for first-timers and Rs 1,000 for repeat offenders parking on footpaths or any other no-parking zones.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Being sustainable

Unicorn Pop-ups is back with an eco-conscious event where you can shop, attend workshops and community-building and have a whale of a time. Artists and performers will stay true to the theme in their live performances and from décor to execution, sustainability will be the need of the hour. **Where: Bangalore Creative Circus**
When: November 26 – 27, 11am – 7pm
Info: 9830942644

02 East meets West

The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME), Bangalore in partnership with Manchester Museum, part of The University of Manchester and supported by the British Council, will be organising a collaborative cross-cultural music festival that seeks to explore rhythm as a shared language between East and West. The Festival will include percussion-themed museum walkthroughs, live performances, a rap battle, panel discussions and a screening of 'Dollu', national-award winner for best Kannada film.
Where: Indian Music Experience Museum
When: November 25 – 27

03 Surreal scenes

Time and Space Gallery presents "It's a Way of Life" by Afza Tamkanat & Fawad Tamkanat. The father daughter duo has been trailblazing the art scene for many years, both individually as well as a team. The current exhibition includes well known works of theirs like the Window and Sparrow Series by Afza Tamkanat - early morning morsels of scenes capturing birds chirping by a window - and The Cityscapes Series by Fawad Tamkanat – a surreal encapsulation of the colourful chaos that whelms the city of Hyderabad.

Where: Time and Space Gallery, Lavelle Road,
When: Till Dec 10, 11 am – 6.30 pm
Info: 080 4218 4116 /7760394808 /9035451852

Bored of office? Plan for a long weekend

... in 2023, as a good number of public holidays fall on a weekday

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A drive with loved ones on a long weekend is the best way to kill the monotony of work

A techie by profession, Samarth R, like many others, missed the flexibility of a WFH routine.

"In the last two years, most of us worked from home and there was an option of taking a staycation where we could work from a resort on a beach. However, now with employees returning to work, leaves are much needed to keep us rejuvenated where we can take a break with friends or families," he says.

Samarth is not the only one tired from the office life; with many returning to offices, the demand for leaves and long weekends has grown again. With the State Government releasing a list of holidays for 2023 on Monday, office-goers can have some respite by planning their holidays in advance.

The first public holiday in January is Republic Day which falls on Thursday and a day's leave on Friday could compensate for a first long weekend of the New Year from January 26 to 29. This year, the State Government has given a holiday for Maha Shivaratri (Feb 18) which falls on Saturday. Generally, it is a practice to remain awake on Shivaratri night and as it falls on Saturday and the devotees can take a break on Sunday as well.

However, those hoping for a holiday on Sankranti will be disappointed as it (January 15) falls on a Sunday. However, Ugadi falls on a mid-week (March 22, Wednesday), and one can get a mid-week break.

In April, people can look forward to three long weekends. Mahaveer Jayanti falls on Monday (April 3), Good Friday on April 7 and Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanti (April 14) which also happens to be on a Friday. May Day falls on Monday this time.

There is one long weekend in August as Independence Day is on a Tuesday so a leave on Monday can make it a long weekend from August 12 (Friday) till August 15.

A number of public holidays fall on Mondays this time including Ganesh Chaturthi (September 18), Gandhi Jayanti (October 2), Ayudha Pooja (October 23) and Christmas (December 25). It's promising news for those looking forward to Dasara and Deepawali. The four-day long weekend for Dasara starts from October 21 (Saturday) and ends on October 24 (Tuesday).

> **"With employees returning to offices, leaves are needed to rejuvenate ourselves**
> – Samarth R, a techie

A week later, Kannada Rajyotsava holiday (November 1 falling on Wednesday). This time, Deepawali, which starts from Naraka Chaturdasi, falls on a Sunday while it ends with Balipadyami (November 14) on Tuesday.

However, in 2023, a number of festivals/holidays also fall on Sundays or second/fourth Saturdays. While Sankranti falls on Sunday, Basava Jayanti/Akshaya Tritiya (April 23) and Naraka Chaturdasi falls on Sundays. Khutub-E-Ramzan (April 22), Mahalya Amavasye (October 14) and Valmiki Jayanti (October 28) fall on Saturdays.

"When there is a long weekend, one can plan well ahead and ask for leaves in advance so that people can convert it into a long weekend," says Samarth.

Calling for ideas for Gandhi Bazaar project

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The Directorate of Urban Land and Transport (DULT) has invited applications for spatial design ideas from urban practitioners for a pedestrian project in Gandhi Bazaar.

The pedestrianisation of Gandhi Bazaar is being designed to DULT and implemented by BBMP. A stretch of 300 metre on Gandhi Bazaar Main Road between KR Road and DVG road has been proposed to be made into a pedestrian street with provision for bus operations. As per the study conducted by DULT, the centre portion was reserved for buses only. Delivery vehicles will be allowed during restricted hours and a multi-level parking facility has been proposed. However, as per the study, Russel Market Road and the 10th Main Road adjacent to the Jayanagar shopping complex also were recommended for the project.

The project was aimed at increasing sidewalk width, providing designated space for street hawkers, improving the quality of the street with signages, lighting, etc, improving air quality, increasing pedestrian safety, and transforming the street into a tourist destination.

The designs are expected to incorporate way-finding and information systems, street landscaping, street furniture design elements, and public artwork and paving.

The pedestrian project aims at increasing sidewalk width and giving space to hawkers

A senior DULT official said that they were mulling over certain design elements to uphold the aesthetic value of the place after the civil works are completed. The competition is aimed at looking at the designs that will be able to bring out the heritage value of the place.

However, there has been huge opposition from residents and traders. A resident, Guru Prasad said that residents have been unaware of the details. "Even through RTI we are not getting the required details. When we approach BBMP, they refer us to DULT and when we approach DULT, they refer us to BBMP. We are meeting the Chief Minister to request to stall the project."

Prasad added that residents have prepared a proposal for street improvement by urban designers with minimal changes but DULT is not looking into it.

Bus service off to slow start

Last-mile bus service between Cubbon Park metro and Mount Carmel College has few patrons as students say there is no clarity on timings

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The buses were started to bridge the gap between Cubbon Park metro station & Vasanth Nagar

In the beginning of November, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) started a metro feeder bus service from Cubbon Park Metro station to Mount Carmel College. However, not many students are making use of the service despite its minimal charges.

The students BM spoke to said that this was due to confusion and a lack of awareness about the feeder services leading to fewer commuters.

Medha Rao, a student of Mount Carmel College, said "I take the metro on a daily basis and I am aware of the feeder services also but I still haven't used it. There is no clarity about the timings of the bus so the students usually rely on autos as it is more convenient and easier. Also, I am often running late while going to college and do not have time to wait for the bus."

Our Nov 2 story on the bus service

The feeder service was started to provide affordable commutes to the large number of students who use the metro to commute to the college on a daily basis. The fare for each commuter in BMTC is Rs 5 - Rs 15 as compared to Rs 60-70 by the auto.

"After much haggling, we have convinced the local autos to charge a fixed amount. Currently, they charge Rs 50-60. Since there are many students and there are a minimum of two students coming by each train, we usually split the cost of the auto so it costs Rs 20 each. If there is only one passenger then the auto drivers charge Rs 50 for one trip," Medha added.

Currently, the feeder bus is running from the Cubbon Park metro station every 15-20 minutes except from 12:15 pm to 2:50 pm when there is no service.

> **There is no clarity about the timings so students usually rely on autos as it is more convenient**
> —Medha Rao, a student

The commuters are concerned that BMTC might shut down or reduce the frequency of the buses owing to fewer commuters and low revenue.

Suresh AM, who works at a private organisation and is a regular commuter, added that there were very few commuters who take this bus that was started 2-3 weeks ago. The frequency is not the problem and the buses are usually punctual but there needs to be more awareness about the services. The service is already on the brink of closure.

The commuters added that the autos sometimes charge up to Rs 150-200 from the non-student passengers for just 3 km from Cubbon Park metro station to the college.

However, the BMTC said that they were not planning to shut down any services yet.

"We will not shut down any metro feeder services. We are surveying the user data and how many people are using the services and will cooperate with BMRCL accordingly to decide how can we increase the commuter count. It is still a new service and might take some time to calculate the same but the low commuter count would not affect any of the future metro feeder services that are in the pipeline," said AV Surya Sen, BMTC Director (IT).

The metro feeder service from Cubbon Park metro station was inaugurated on November 2 and covers nine stations between Cubbon Park metro and Vasanth Nagar.

Voter data fraud: NGO head arrested

The head of the non-governmental organisation (NGO) Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, Krishnappa Ravikumar, was taken into custody by Bengaluru Police on late Sunday night.

After preliminary investigation it was found that the NGO was engaged in illegal voter data collection. Following that, the police were on the lookout for Ravikumar.

The police said that Ravikumar was arrested while trying to meet with his attorney to discuss the case in Lalbagh. Since the day the case was filed against his organisation, police were unable to find Ravikumar. He was rumoured to be shifting his whereabouts between Sirsi, Tumakuru, and Tiptur, said the police.

R Srinivas Gowda, the deputy commissioner of police (Central), confirmed the arrest and said Ravikumar and the other four suspects would be questioned. Along with Ravikumar, the police have also detained his brother Kemp Gowda, e-procurement supervisor Prajwal, and employees Dharanesh and Renuka Prasad from Chelume.

"A notice has been served to Returning Officers (ROs) of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other Chilume employees for inquiry, and they would be questioned today," said DCP Srinivas Gowda.

— Ahna Prakash

Bengaluru's coldest day in 10 years

Mercury drops to 13.9 degree Celsius on Monday; coldest day since 2012

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Kids seek heat on the roadside in Kalyan Nagar to beat the cold

Bengaluru on Monday recorded the coldest day in November since 2012 with the mercury dropping to a whopping 13.9 degree Celsius.

The minimum temperature recorded by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Bengaluru City station was 13.9 degree Celsius.

At Bengaluru International Airport, the minimum temperature recorded was 14.7 degree Celsius and at HAL Airport station, the minimum value was 12.5 degree Celsius.

According to IMD officials, the minimum temperature on Monday fell under the 'markedly below normal' category.

"In Bengaluru, the normal average temperature in November hovers around 18 degree Celsius to 20 degrees Celsius. However, it dropped by more than 5.1 degree Celsius on Monday morning. The last time it happened was on November 19, 2012," said an IMD official.

Officials added that this was due to the low-pressure area created over the central parts of the South Bay of Bengal which is moving towards the Tamil Nadu coast.

"The depression in the Bay of Bengal is moving closer to the Tamil Nadu coast. On its way, it has sucked in all the moisture. This has led to cloudless and clear skies. In absence of clouds, radiating heat from the earth's surface is not trapped and this results in a sharp drop in minimum temperature. On Monday morning, the minimum temperature fell by more than 5.1 degrees Celsius due to this phenomenon, known as radiative cooling of the earth's surface during the night-time," said the official.

As per the IMD forecast, the minimum temperatures in the city are likely to start increasing as cloudy weather sets in.

"Over the next two days, the system is likely to come close to the coast and take westerly movement. Thus, some cloud formation is expected from Wednesday, leading to a rise in the minimum temperature. Light to moderate rainfall is expected on Tuesday and Wednesday," informed the official.

As per the forecast, minimum temperatures are likely to increase with the onset of cloudy weather

The department has also forecast mist formation during early morning hours in some areas in and around the city. While the maximum temperature will be around 25 degree Celsius, the minimum temperature will touch 15 degrees Celsius over the next 48 hours.

Over the next two weeks, while the minimum temperature in a few places in Karnataka will continue to be below normal, it will be appreciably below normal in Bengaluru. Southern districts of Karnataka such as Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru, Ramanagara, Mysuru, Mandya and some parts of Tumakuru are likely to experience cloudy days with light to moderate rainfall.

Packed like sardines on Chinnappanahalli Road

Road that is considered a bypass has turned into congestion hotspot as it is narrow and pothole-riddled, squeezing out residents of area, pedestrians

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Though traffic jams are not new to Marathahalli area, the long queues on narrow interior roads have become a major issue for locals. The Chinnappanahalli Main Road, considered as an alternative road to bypass major roads, has turned into a major traffic congestion hotspot. Locals say that the roads have been dug up next to the railway tracks and this is causing huge traffic jams these days.

Shayaree, a working professional, told Bangalore Mirror that she had no space to walk as she was surrounded by vehicles due to the jam. "The road itself is very narrow. On top of that, it has been dug up in at least two places. As a result, one can neither walk nor ride. It is usually the bikes that take this route, but even they get stuck because of the dug-up road," she said.

Nakul R, a resident of the area, said, "I prefer to take the Chinnappanahalli Main Road to reach the Aeronautical Engineers Cooperative Society (AECS) Layout so that I can avoid taking a detour via Marathahalli and International Tech Park (ITPL) roads. There is usually a huge traffic jam on the main road. So, I prefer to take the shortcut on the Parallel Railway Road."

Two-wheeler riders stuck in a never-ending jam on Chinnapanahalli Main Road, which is so narrow that nobody can even walk by

He added that the narrow road is also prone to long traffic jams.

"Bikers can still get through, but if you are in a car, you can get stuck in a jam."

According to Sandhya R, another resident of Chinnappanahalli, the worst part of the commute is the condition of the roads. The roads are full of potholes and have not been fixed for a long time.

> **"Two-wheeler riders can suffer from back aches due to riding on the bad stretches. Even driving is not smooth as the road has too many potholes** – Sandhya, citizen

"Two-wheeler riders can suffer from back aches due to riding on the bad stretches. Even driving is not smooth as the road has too many potholes. The situation becomes worse when it rains as the roads get flooded and one cannot make out if there's a pothole," she said.

She added that commutes are riskier in the rain as the road turns slushy and then dusty. "I wonder why the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is neglecting the area," she said.

People with houses in the area also have their own set of issues to deal with.

"We can hardly open the gates to come out of our houses as the road is filled with vehicles," said Ramya Reddy, another resident.

She added that now with traffic congestion, commuters honk repeatedly and this has increased the noise pollution in the area.

Death trap near Bellandur Lake

Commuters try to avoid dangerous road as it causes damage to vehicles, poses threats to lives

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The road near Bellandur Lake is in shambles. Already tired of potholes and damaged roads, citizens are especially concerned about this busy road. They complain of potholes which are quite deep and haven't been repaired since years.

"The potholes have turned into a crater on this road, and it is very dangerous for all the people who are using it. For several years the road has been like this and still, no one has taken the responsibility of fixing it," said Rohith Srivastava, a resident of the area.

Some commuters even complained of significant damages caused to their vehicles due to the roads.

Vishal Patil, a commuter, said, "There is a huge pothole in the middle of this road. While I was driving, I could not see it as it was covered with water and my car fell into it. There must have been small and sharp rocks in it which punctured my tyre."

He added that he had to wait for almost an hour on the road since there was no mechanic nearby. "From that day onwards, I try my best not to use that road," he added.

Residents of the area near Bellandur Lake say some of the potholes have just gotten worse over time as they are not repaired

Dikshah Seth, another commuter, said, "The rainfall makes the road slippery and risky. During rain, this road is more like a death trap, putting the lives of so many commuters in danger."

According to Srikanth M, another resident of the area, many complaints have been raised in the past regarding the condition of the road. However, no action has been taken by the authorities. "Apart from the potholes, the road is also broken in several places. The officials should not wait for an accident to happen in this area," he said.

For many residents, children using the road is also a major concern. "It is not at all safe for young ones as they can easily get injured. Not everyone is supervised by their parents," said Kapil Nayak, another resident.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told Bangalore Mirror that they would look into the matter.

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Fast and furious

Richmond Road

Electric cycles and bikes being ridden at full speed on pavements every five minutes at Richmond Road near Vellara Junction are damaging pavements and posing danger to pedestrians.

Infectious blackspot

Sultanpalya

People are dumping garbage at 3rd Cross, Sultanpalya, Hanumanthappa Layout, RT Nagar.

Where to walk?

Jai Bharath Nagar

There is a pole, discarded wires, garbage and encroachments on this footpath near the petrol bunk in Jai Bharath Nagar, leaving hardly any space for pedestrians.

Medical seat scam: ISRO scientist duped of Rs 18 lakh

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An ISRO scientist was allegedly duped of Rs 18 lakh by a conman who promised to admit his daughter in a medical college.

The victim, 48, a scientist with ISRO and a resident of Mumbai, wanted to get his daughter admitted to the BGS Global Institute of Medical Science in Bengaluru.

The accused, Arun Das, contacted him and promised to give his daughter a seat in the college. "To gain his trust, Das visited his house twice and checked his daughter's educational documents. He demanded Rs 10 lakh as the college fee and Rs 18 lakh as donation for the seat," said the police.

The scientist visited Bengaluru on November 12 and handed over the money to Das. To gain confidence, Das issued a cheque and said that he is going to deposit the money to the educational institute.

A few days later, when he tried reaching out to Das, he could not do so. He then filed a complaint with the Upparpet police. An investigation is underway.

CRIME FILES

Complaint against actress over threats

A complaint has been registered in the police station against actress Nayana of Comedy Khiladigalu fame. Television comedian Somashekhar has complained that Nayana insulted and threatened him.

"The actress has been accused of threatening Somashekhar over the distribution of prize money in 'Comedy Gangs' show," said the police. The police also informed that in his statement, the actor said that Nayana is asking that the prize money be shared with Chidambar and Anish, other contestants of the team. "When I did not agree, they threatened me through audio notes and messages," said Somashekhar.

The case has been registered in RR Nagar police station.

Messages sent by the actress have also gone viral on social media.

Wait a bid: Thiruvalluvar statue work to resume

Tenders floated for Rs 99-lakh project; MLA says he is only interested in work, not publicity

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There is renewed hope for work on the Thiruvalluvar statue to resume. Now, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Horticulture Department Senior Assistant Director has floated a tender for beautification and landscape development of Halasuru Lake Park and Thiruvalluvar statue surrounding area under the 15th Finance Scheme. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 99,00,000 and the opening of technical bid is scheduled at 5 pm on November 28.

If all goes well, the work is expected to commence by the end of this month. A few residents of the area and activists urged the BBMP and Shivajinagar MLA to have a proper plan and execute it after taking people into confidence to avoid any disturbance to the developmental work.

They are worried because work on the statue that was unveiled at a junction near Halasuru Lake in 2009 as a symbolic effort to bolster ties between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu has hit a few roadblocks before.

Last April, the compound wall around the statue was demolished to construct a new compound as part of the development of a park around the statue. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad initiated the development of the park around the statue. However, some people demolished the wall and the platform around the statue on October 19 alleging that MLA has been trying to take the credit for the development and trying to conceal the name board that has the inauguration details with the name of the then Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa.

On October 20, Congress activists led by MLAs Dinesh Gundu Rao, Akhanda Srinivas Murthy and others staged a protest in front of the statue condemning the demolition of the compound wall and the platform.

> **"The road between the Thiruvalluvar Statue Park and Odukathur Mutt is narrow and its width can be increased up to five to 10 ft to facilitate smooth movement of vehicles**

"The compound wall and the platform that were demolished by some people recently were not approved by the BBMP. The authorities concerned, including local MLA, must develop the place around the Thiruvalluvar statue as per the approved plan," said D Kumar, a resident of the area.

Tamil Sangam president G Damodaran said he has given his suggestions to the local MLA and the BBMP on the development of the space around the statue. "It seems some people are trying to politicise the development of the space. The BBMP officials must discuss with both political parties before commencing the work," said Damodaran.

A resident suggested that the space demarcated (in front of Sri Odukathur Mutt) be reduced so as to increase the width of the road to prevent traffic jams. "The road between the Thiruvalluvar Statue Park and Odukathur Mutt is narrow and its width can be increased up to five to 10 ft to facilitate smooth movement of vehicles," he said.

Rizwan Arshad said the developmental works will be taken up as per the plan approved by the BBMP. "Some are demanding that the name board put up during the unveiling of statue in 2009 not be disturbed. They don't want to add my name. I have made it clear that I am interested in completing the developmental works and not in publicity," said Rizwan.He said the work will cost around Rs 2 crore to the BBMP.

Decision on app-based auto services by Nov 25: Govt tells HC

The High Court of Karnataka was informed by the state government on Monday that a decision on the online app-based autorickshaw hailing services will be taken by November 25.

The government said the petitions of the service providers have been considered and a decision is pending.

The transport department had recently directed stopping of auto-hailing services as it was not covered under the Karnataka On-Demand Transportation Technology Aggregator Rules in 2016.

The licences issued were only for cab-hailing services, the department had held. The service providers had approached the High Court which had allowed them to continue the services till the government took a decision regarding licences to be issued after speaking to all stakeholders.

The bench of Justice C M Poonacha is hearing the case. The government also requested the court not to issue orders regarding the hike in rates sought by the service providers till the decision was made by the authorities.

The rate will be decided by November 25, the court was told. The HC adjourned the hearing to November 28 after recording the submissions.

ANI Technologies Private Limited and Uber India Systems Private Limited had challenged the transport department's decision to stop autorickshaw-hailing services before the court.

On October 6, the authorities after a meeting issued an order stating autorickshaw and cab services available under the online apps violated the KODTTA rules and licence. It was held that 'taxi' service was only for cars and not autorickshaws.

The government had claimed before the court that app-based aggregators were charging more than the rates fixed by the authorities by levying surcharge.

They had not obtained licence for aggregating autorickshaws and therefore their services have been stopped. **PTI**

Glorious Teppotsava

A decorated boat (Teppotsava) with the idol of Dodda Basavanna (Bull) on the historic Kempabudhi Lake as part of Kadalekai Parishe, in Bengaluru on Monday

Darker side of Whitefield

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Despite its proximity to the IT corridor, residents of Whitefield say that there aren't enough streetlights in the area. As per a BPAC survey, only 50 per cent of Mahadevapura had streetlights.

Residents complain that several stretches of Whitefield are covered in darkness. They say that in some areas, the issue is that new poles have to be erected, and in some areas, the lights are non-functional.

A resident of Whitefield, Pravir Bagrodia said, "Absence of streetlights is a major problem in the eastern part of Bengaluru. The problem can be seen across the main roads of Marathahalli, Kundanahalli and Whitefield. Streetlights are dysfunctional in most places. If they are present, they may not be maintained properly and if they are functional, they are not switched on and off timely. This affects cyclists and pedestrians alike."

A civic activist and a resident of Whitefield, Sandeep Anirudhan added that there is a problem with the policy. "On existing poles, we have got luminaires installed. But there are many gaps where there are no poles, hence the BBMP folks cannot install luminaires. The BBMP Street Light division says they only install luminaires, they do not install poles as the poles are installed by BESCOM. But BESCOM will install a pole only if someone applies for a connection, not for street lights. This a policy vacuum, and the officials have not addressed it."

He added that in their ward committee they submitted a detailed survey of streetlight requirements. The BBMP Streetlights Department needs to be allowed to install poles where required, and funds sanctioned for it, said Anirudhan.

Residents of Brookefield Layout decided to install street lights on their own and is powered by domestic supply. "Streetlight is a basic requirement in any area. In our layout, we installed 15-20 street lights and is powered by individual apartments. The problem with BBMP's streetlight system was that it would only work one out of six days. Residents had to make multiple follow-ups for maintenance and after a few days would require repair again. Running our streetlight system, costs us hardly anything and we can ensure it works 365 days," said a resident of the layout.

However, officials say that 5,000 streetlights, 150 new poles and 23 high mast lights have been installed. Clement Jayakumar of Clement Jayakumar of Mahadevapura Task Force (Mobility) said that three contracts were called for 15 crore, 10 crore, and 7.5 crore. The contract amounting to 15 crore is nearing completion and the other two are in the tender stage and work is yet to start. Roughly 50 per cent of the work has been completed. New street poles that had to be erected would pertain to the second and third tender.

As per the initial plan, 9,827 streetlights, 23 high mast lights and 929 new streetlight poles are being planned for the area.

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Pond scram to airport

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this hotel for lunch because of the bad odour,'' said Sanjay N, a resident of Kothanur.

Motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, are the most affected due to waterlogging on the road. "This stretch has become dangerous for unwary motorists.

All the vehicles slow down to avoid passing through the dirty water. There are chances of road accidents taking place if the authorities concerned do not take measures to drain out the dirty water as early as possible,'' said Surendra S, a two-wheeler rider.

Chandrasekhar P, a motorist who commutes on the road frequently, said waterlogging has been a problem here for more than two weeks now but no one seems to care to fix it.

"Recently, BBMP crew and machinery were seen busy asphalting roads on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit to showcase the city in a good light. I think we have to invite the Prime Minister or other important dignitaries to Bengaluru on a regular basis to ensure the BBMP keeps the roads in a good condition,'' said Chandrasekhar.

It is not as though the other side of the road is neat and clean. The drains on either side of the road are choked with plastic, garbage and debris. The concrete slabs over the drainage are either missing or broken.

"The BBMP did not engage a contractor to remove silt from the roadside drains. It is not clear what has made them neglect the drains of this road which is considered an important route to connect to the Kempegowda International Airport,'' said Krishna Gowda, a resident of Kothanur.

The waterlogging has now become a health hazard in front of a residential apartment complex. Stagnant water has become a breeding place for mosquitoes.

Condition of the drain on Hennur Bagalur Road

"We have complained to the BBMP health inspector but he did nothing,'' said a resident pleading anonymity.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer Manjunath M blamed a hotel in the vicinity for letting wastewater into the drain thus causing waterlogging on the road.

"There was no waterlogging on this stretch all these years. I came to know that a hotel is responsible for this mess. I am visiting the spot. I will try to fix this issue after discussing with the proprietors of the hotel,'' said Manjunath.

The engineer said that he has availed permission from higher authorities to take up drain work at an estimated cost of Rs 1 crore. "The desilting of the drain on one side of the road will begin on Monday or Tuesday. I will fix this problem for good,'' Manjunath told BM.

Jumbo task force in 4 districts

The Karnataka government on Monday decided to set up an elephant task force in four districts to keep a check on jumbo menace. An order to this effect was issued soon after the meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, an official statement said.

The task force, headed by Deputy Conservator of Forests, will be set up in Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru and Kodagu districts, where the problem is more widespread.

The task force will get down to action immediately and work under the instructions of the respective Chief Conservator of Forests of the circles concerned.

The members of the panel have been directed to patrol the jumbo-concentrated areas, monitor their movements in human habitation, agriculture fields and coffee estates, and drive them back into forests under the direction of deputy conservator of forests. The task force members will be armed with walkie-talkies, guns and crackers that are necessary to drive back the wild elephants into forests. **PTI**

No tow ways about it

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"We have no clue if the towing will be brought back or not but I feel wheel clamps are a better option to curb illegal parking; we will be continuing with the same for the time being," deputy commissioner of police, traffic, Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, told Bangalore Mirror,

As of October, as many as 10,06,606 cases have been recorded by the Bangalore Traffic Police.

Meanwhile, a traffic expert BM spoke to said the government and the traffic police should come up with better solutions such as providing more parking space instead of relying on wheel clamps or towing.

"The footpath is for pedestrians. But in Bengaluru, two-thirds of the road is occupied by parked vehicles. The traffic police should make use of satellite monitoring and CCTV cameras to identify real-time traffic violations. Most people do not worry about the fine, and park on the roads; so wheel clamping wouldn't help much. The authorities should look into providing multi-level underground parking as other cities and countries have," said traffic expert MN Sreehari.

"Unauthorised two-wheeler parking is rampant around metro stations. Though the BMRCL is doing a great job taking traffic off the roads, at the same time it is adding to parking woes. BMRCL should look into providing sufficient parking for commuters and levy fines for parking near the metro stations," he added.

According to Sreehari, unauthorised parking is one of the major reasons behind traffic congestion — 'authorities should look into better traffic management strategies to curb the violations'.

Development by the axe: No ifs & buts, just chop & run

Residents of area around Hosakerehalli Lake see fully-grown trees chopped, packed off without any consultation for purported lake development work

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Residents and lake warriors living around the Hosakerehalli Lake in Rajarajeshwari Nagar now have a new battle to wage. Even as the locals have been complaining for months together about garbage dumping and sewage water discharge into the water body leading to an unbearable foul smell and mosquito menace, the recent development work around the lake by BBMP has ticked them off further.

Residents complain that workers have chopped up four big trees around the lake without any prior notice or consultation with the locals.

Four trees were chopped near Hosakerehalli Lake area

"We saw big machines in the area on Thursday afternoon. We assumed that they are starting the rejuvenation work. However, we noticed that many big trees on one side of the lake had been given a red marking. Upon enquiring with the on-site workers, we got to know that the trees have been marked to be removed," said a resident.

The lake was recently handed over to BBMP by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). Although the civic body has been promising to rejuvenate the lake soon, no work has started yet.

Residents say the area MLA recently visited the lake and mentioned on his social networking site that lake development work will begin soon.

"We are shocked that there has been no public notice or consultation with the locals on felling the trees. They have chopped four huge trees and there are four more along the stretch that are marked for felling. They have also marked the lake with yellow thread. The contractors did not want to divulge much but from what we gathered, it was easy to fit pieces together. We spoke to the contractor on the ground and he mentioned that the area around the lake will be converted into a jogger's track," said another resident on condition of anonymity.

> **We spoke to the contractor and he mentioned that the area around the lake will be converted into a jogger's track**
>
> –Resident of the area

According to the BBMP officials concerned, the ongoing work at Hosakerehalli is for strengthening the main bund. The trees are being removed to ensure the future safety of the main bund.

"We do not have the funds yet to begin with either the rejuvenation work or to create a jogger's track. There is a huge difference in water level between the upstream and downstream sides of the lake and there are chances of seepage from the downstream area. The ongoing work is to strengthen the main bund, which is the stretch of the NICE Road towards PES college. While the lake department of BBMP has not asked for clearing any trees in the area, the engineers may have decided to chop them, keeping in mind the bund safety. As per the rules by the Karnataka Tank Conservation & Development Authority, there should not be any big trees on the main bund," said the official.

Govt vehicle misuse: No relief for driver

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to discharge one of the accused in a case wherein the Vidhana Soudha (State Legislature) and its vehicles were used to cheat a businesswoman.

One of the accused in the case, Sathisha BM who was a driver in Vidhana Soudha approached the court seeking to discharge him in the case against him.

The court said since the trial was on for three years and his involvement is deep, the case against him cannot be quashed.

Sathisha's petition came up before Justice M Nagaprasanna who gave his judgement on November 2. The complainant in the case is S Indira from Coimbatore.

It was alleged that Ramesh, who was known to Indira through her brother, approached her in December 2018 for borrowing Rs 100 crore for cashew business and sought her help to obtain a loan from a bank.

Indira approached Ilamadi from Andhra Pradesh for help. She was told to arrange Rs 1.12 crore as stamp duty. The money was allegedly transferred, but no loan was provided nor the amount returned. The complaint thus came to be filed.

Sathisha is accused of having driven around the main accused and the complainant in the government vehicle. The meetings also took place in Vidhana Soudha.

Sathisha is now an accused in the case pending before a trial court. After it refused to discharge him from the case in 2019, he approached the High Court.

Rejecting the petition of Sathisha for discharge, the High Court said, "The issue now is not with regard to the merit of the matter concerning any of the accused. The police after investigation have filed a charge sheet. In the charge sheet, the petitioner is arrayed as accused. The complaint specifically narrates the alleged incident and statements of witnesses recorded indicate that it was the petitioner who had taken the accused and complainant around."

> **HC refuses to discharge Vidhana Soudha driver, who used vehicle to cheat businesswoman**

The court noted that "he misutilised government vehicles, as he was a driver attached to the Legislature Home and had driven the car belonging to the Secretariat for illegal activities.

"In the light of this allegation, the order of the court declining to discharge the petitioner from array of accused cannot be found fault with. It is for the petitioner to come clean in the trial."

Dismissing the petition, it said, "It is trite law that during consideration of application for discharge, though the Court is required to apply its mind and look into the evidence, since the court has in fact considered what is necessary to be considered for discharge, I do not find any merit to interfere with the order passed by the court..." **PTI**

IN BRIEF

Fighting Falcons win tourney

Fighting Falcons won the Pitch Burners Cricket tournament by beating Flame Boys last Sunday. Manjunath Bommanahalli was adjudged the Man of Series. The tournament was organised by Pavan and Rajit Nair at Sarjapur Dug out stadium. Many teams from the city had participated.

Decision on milk price by Nov 23

The revision of milk prices will be decided by IMF board on November 23. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said he instructed Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to work out a formula which will not burden consumers as well as not cause injustice to farmers.

The CM said he collected information about the prevailing prices of milk in other states, expenditure incurred by KMF, reasons for hike, leakages in the federation, steps taken by the authorities to plug that leakage. The KMF was asked to come out with a formula that will benefit both farmers and consumers within two days, and take necessary decision in KMF Board of directors meeting. "Let us not hike the milk price by Rs 3 per litre and the KMF must take a suitable decision by protecting interest of consumers as well as farmers," he said. The CM said the KMF, a subsidiary of the government, has been giving incentive to farmers as well as milk to school children. **—BMB**

M'luru blast: 'Man inspired by terror outfit'

Police found materials that go into making bomb from the rented house in Mysuru of Mangaluru autorickshaw blast accused Mohammed Shariq, who was "influenced and inspired" by a global terrorist organisation, a senior police officer said on Monday.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), Alok Kumar said the police are trying to find out the 24-year old's links with people outside Karnataka. "His handler was Abdul Mateen Taha from Suddaguntepalya (in Bengaluru) on whom the National Investigation Agency has announced a reward of Rs five lakh," the ADGP said. Shariq was "influenced and inspired" by a (terrorist) organisation with global presence, Kumar said. **PTI**

Quake in Java kills at least 162

5.6 magnitude earthquake in Indonesia's main island topples homes, triggers landslides

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The death toll from a 5.6-magnitude earthquake in Indonesia on Monday has risen to 162 with hundreds injured and over 13,000 displaced, local media Kompas.com and Detik.com reported, citing West Java governor Ridwan Kamil.

A shallow 5.6-magnitude earthquake killed numerous people, with hundreds injured and others missing, when it toppled buildings and triggered landslides on Indonesia's main island of Java on Monday, officials said.

Doctors treated patients outdoors after the quake, which was felt as far away as the capital Jakarta, left hospitals in the West Java town of Cianjur without power for several hours.

Indonesia's disaster mitigation agency said 25 people remained trapped under the rubble as the rescue mission stretched into the night.

A local stands near houses damaged after earthquake hit in Cianjur, West Java province, Indonesia on Monday

The agency increased the death toll from 56 and said more than 2,000 houses were damaged and more than 5,000 people were taken to evacuation centres.

"You can see it yourself, some got their heads, feet sewn outdoors. Some got stressed and started crying," West Java governor Ridwan Kamil told a news conference broadcast on Kompas TV.

Kamil said power had been partially restored by the evening, without specifying if that meant by generators or connection to a power grid. The afternoon quake was centred in the Cianjur region and local authorities said as many as 700 had been wounded, warning the death toll could rise further.

"Because there are still a lot of people trapped on the scene, we assume injuries and fatalities will increase over time," Kamil said as ambulance sirens blared in the background. Agus Azhari, 19, was with his elderly mother in the family home when the living room was destroyed within seconds, parts of the walls and roof collapsing around them. "I pulled my mother's hand, and we ran outside," he said. "I heard people screaming for help from all around me," Azhari told AFP.

– Agencies

No Air Suvidha form from today

Government authorities have announced that international passengers will not have to submit the Air Suvidha form beginning from November 22. A notice from the Civil Aviation ministry this evening read, "In the light of sustained declining covid-19 trajectory and significant advances being made in covid-19 vaccination coverage both globally as well as in India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued revised 'Guidelines for International Arrivals".

Air Suvidha is a Self Declaration form which was introduced as Covid prevention measure and was meant to understand contact tracing during the Covid 19 pandemic. It was a contactless solution by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Health Family Welfare, which is facilitated by Delhi Airport for all international passengers coming to India. According to a statement by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the decision to discontinue the self-deceleration will begin from 22 November.

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THE right choice

Choice overload is a real problem, but these tips will make your life easier

It's been a long day. Your partner messages you: "let's just order in, I don't feel like cooking".

With a sense of relief, you open your usual takeaway app and start scrolling through the many restaurants and dishes available.

Thai, pizza, burgers, Korean, Lebanese… oooh this one has free delivery! Hmm, but they're far away and I am famished… Soon that sense of relief is replaced by overwhelm and inability to decide what to order. And your partner is not much help either!

Sound familiar? What you are experiencing is called choice overload. This can sometimes go as far as leading to complete decision paralysis (when you give up and make a toastie instead) and ultimately leads to an overall reduced satisfaction with the choices we make.

Thankfully, marketing and psychology scholars have studied this phenomenon for years and can provide tips to make your life a little easier. But first, we need to understand it to fix it.

Where does choice overload come from?

In the dinner scenario above, "choice set complexity" – how choices are presented, how many options there are, how different the options are in their characteristics, how much we already know about each option – is the culprit.

There are simply too many things to consider to make the most optimal choice: cuisine, delivery time, delivery costs, distance, healthy or indulgent, and so on.

What seems a simple decision at first glance, soon turns into quite a complex one.

With people making approximately 200 choices a day when it comes to food alone, you can easily relate to the fatigue our brains feel at the end of a day.

Being presented with yet another complex and multi-faceted decision will lead to cognitive overload: it means your brain simply doesn't have the cognitive resources (brain power) to consciously process all the options and consider all the information needed to make an optimal choice.

Why making 'perfect' decisions is impossible

As a matter of fact, our brains are rather limited in the amount of information they can process consciously at any given time.

Especially if a scenario is combined with high decision task difficulty – when there are time constraints (kids need to be in bed soon), we are likely to be held accountable (buying a wine for dinner at our boss' rather than for ourselves), or potential losses are significant (buying a house) – it is no wonder the brain blows a fuse trying to make the most optimal decision.

And therein lies the problem and the solution: you don't always have to make the optimal choice. What's wrong with "good enough"?

Expectation-disconfirmation – the expectation that the perfect choice must exist if so much choice is available to you – is seated in the idea that people tend to want to optimise results, rather than satisfy.

It is like striving for happiness in life rather than contentment.

Especially perfectionists will find this often explains their choice overload.

Another reason you may experience choice overload is because you explicitly don't want to put effort into making the decision. This is called minimising cognitives demand goals (for example, forfeiting deciding what to cook to ordering take out).

How to overcome choice overload

So after a long day, when you have no energy left, accountability is low, and the potential consequences are minor, consider satisficing your choice:

reduce the choice task to a binary one immediately. Only give yourself the choice of two options, randomly chosen, or the first that came to mind.

For example, before you open a delivery app, decide you have to choose between the first two cuisines that pop up.

Stick with what you know. Habits are created when a choice was marked as a rewarding one by the brain in the past.

This means the choices you make regularly are good ones according to yourself, the expert! In your app, navigate to your favourites section and pick one from there.

Stick with your first choice. Don't waiver. Once you've decided, commit to your decision.

Do you really want to spend all that time and effort reanalysing and going back and forth when the result is of minor consequence?

Satisficing may not work for everything

Of course, not all choices are without grave consequences. When you are buying a house, you do want to consider all information needed to make an optimal decision.

Choice overload is likely because your brain is trying to connect all the dots consciously. So what do you do then?

If the decision is becoming overwhelming, try to pause and do some "unconscious thinking".

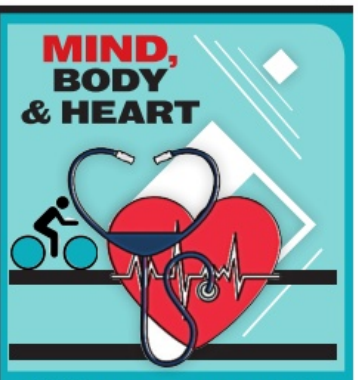
When you get back to it after a good night's sleep, your brain will have processed the information unconsciously and you will be able to make a more confident decision.

You know when people say "it just felt like the right choice"? Intuition is not some mythical creature whispering in your ear – it's your unconscious mind having been able to connect the dots.

Perhaps a cold comfort, but choice deprivation has far greater consequences for our wellbeing than choice overload. Dissatisfaction with choices made is much higher when we are deprived of sufficient choices than when we have too many.

With a few simple tricks, even the luxury problem of what to order for dinner can be eliminated; now, you have some brain space left to agree on what to watch on Netflix as you dig into your pizza… or laksa.

(By Janneke Blijlevens, RMIT University, for The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Diabetic kidney disease

What is it?
Long-term diabetes mellitus may result in damage to various organs in the body. Kidney damage caused by diabetes mellitus is known as diabetic kidney disease. The disorder develops in about four out of 10 of the people who have suffered from diabetes for over 15 years.

How does it happen?
Diabetes affects small blood vessels in the filtering units of the kidney (glomeruli). Damage to these vessels causes protein to leak into urine and reduces kidneys' ability to remove waste and excess water from the body. Symptoms don't appear until kidney damage is severe, and may include drowsiness, nausea and vomiting, and shortness of breath.

What can be done?
People who have diabetes are monitored regularly by their doctor so that complications can be detected at an early stage. Your doctor will look for the first signs of diabetic kidney disease by arranging for urine tests to detect protein, and blood tests will be performed to check how well the kidneys are functioning. Once the condition has been diagnosed, the primary aim of treatment is to slow down progression of the disease. Good control of blood glucose and blood pressure are crucial to slow the deterioration of kidney function. However, even if diabetes is under control, diabetic kidney disease may still progress.
Drugs called ACE inhibitors may be effective in slowing the progression of kidney disease due to diabetes. Nevertheless, the outcome may be end-stage kidney failure, in which there will be complete loss of function in both kidneys.

What's the treatment?
End-stage kidney failure due to diabetic kidney disease can often be treated with dialysis or a kidney transplant, though you may have to wait it out until a suitable transplant becomes available.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

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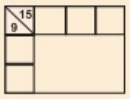
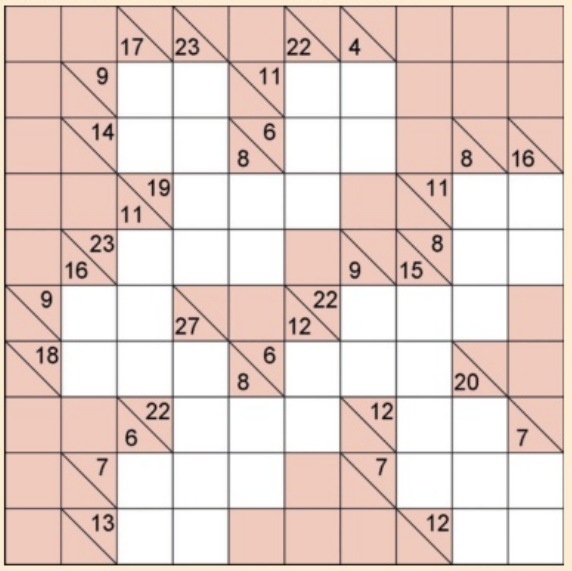
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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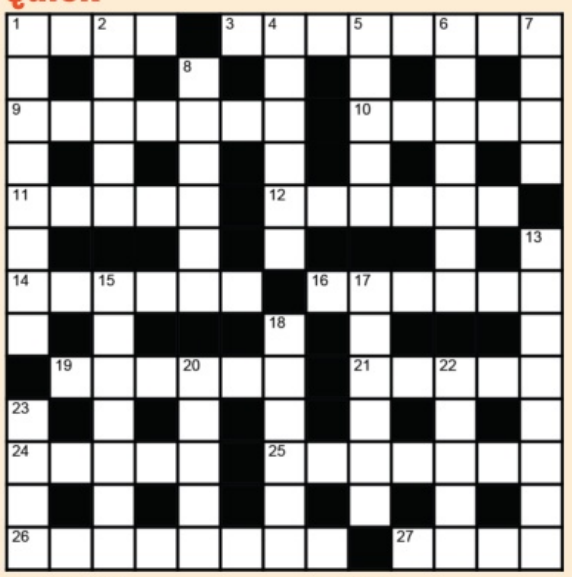


ACROSS

1 Human spirit (4)
3 Surround (8)
9 Ignorant (7)
10 Army colour (5)
11 Robbery (5)
12 Spoons (6)
14 Be able to spare (6)
16 Sticking points (6)
19 Pertaining to a small ethnic group (6)
21 Persian, today (5)
24 Incident (5)
25 Strange, unfamiliar or unheard of? (7)
26 Opposed (8)
27 Honey drink (4)

DOWN

1 Left-hander (8)
2 Festival that marks the beginning of the Kannada new year (5)
4 Sewing tool (6)
5 Annoyed, disgusted (5)
6 The French mansion (7)
7 Extremely wicked (4)
8 As a ___ of fact : in reality? (6)
13 Handed over or allotted (8)
15 Agriculturists (7)
17 ___ work : is a lazy person, in a way? (6)
18 Skirt's counterpart? (6)
20 Units of computer memory (5)
22 Make amends (5)
23 Scorch (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS N

YI ZT LBT JXU IBTT, JX XJT ZYVV BTCSTFU AC.

Linemaro

Can I borrow a quarter? I want to call my mom and tell her I just met the girl of my dreams

Mindchow

There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept

Joke of the day

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

Loop

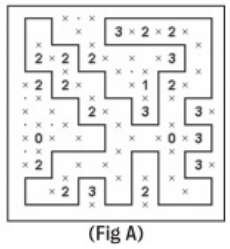
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

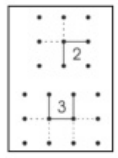
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

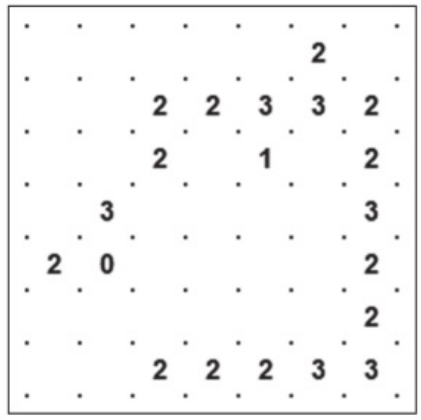
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



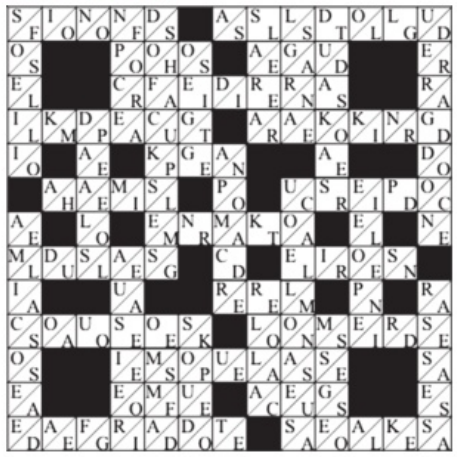
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



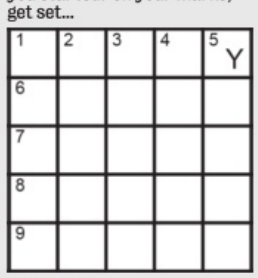
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ok Cry; 6 In Zee (1-4); 7 Dense; 8 N clue; 9 Baths

DOWN

1 Bud re; 2 A Zone; 3 Inch C; 4 Lent K; 5 Essey

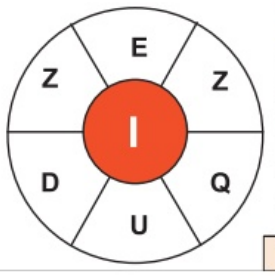
Mensapuzzle

What numbers should replace the question marks?

83 64 45 ??

96 65 34 ??

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

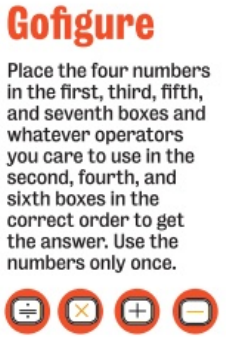
SudokuChallenge

		9		2		4		
	4	8	1		7	3	9	
	1		6		8		5	
3		5		1		6		9
	8		5		2		1	
	7	6	4		3	9	2	
		3		5		1		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 27

1 4 4 8

Medium = 80

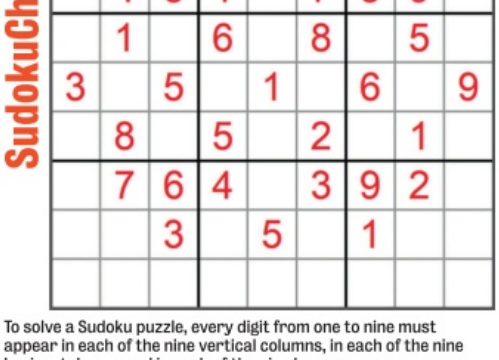
2 5 9 9

Hard = 6

4 6 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



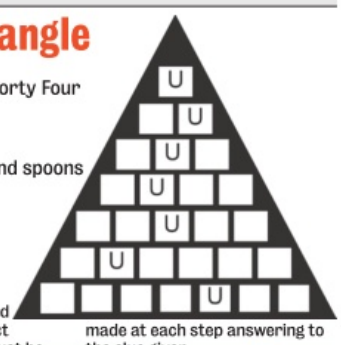
Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Spout on watering can is longer. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Flower is different.

Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 19; 142; 1,003; 7,030, ?????

Alpha triangle

1 A type of turn
2 Atomic number Forty Four
3 Lament
4 Hold sway
5 Heartless
6 Dealer of forks and spoons
7 Speech



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I THINK I'D BETTER GO SEE THE MEDICINE MAN
WHAT'S WRONG, GRANNY?
MY ELBOW'S ALL STIFF
IT'S PROBABLY DUE FOR A TEN-THOUSAND-GALLON CHECKUP
9-5

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

In a world filled with much better choices, it's...
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COMING SOON TO A STOMACH PUMP NEAR YOU

Hart of the city

I'VE READ EACH OF THE "FIVE OF RAVENS" BOOKS ONCE OR TWICE. THAT'S ENOUGH, RIGHT?
THIS ISN'T KIDDIE TRIVIA, KAT. YOU NEED TO KNOW THE FINER DETAILS.
WHAT COLOR ARE KRISHNA'S EYES?
THAT'S EASY! GREEN!
INCORRECT.
THEY'RE GREEN WITH FLECKS OF GOLD. JUST LIKE HIS FATHER'S EYES.
DON'T WORRY, HEART AND I WILL NEED A CHEERLEADER.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take interest in artefacts, movies, glamour and real life objects. At the end of the day you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may help needy people around you. It will increase your reputation among your surroundings. New ideas may come into your mind. You are likely to help other people around you. You might implement the innovation into the work, which may increase your business. Love birds may plan for outings or some adventure tour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be dissatisfied. You have some sort of detachment for your responsibilities, which may confuse you. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also be taking care of your parents. If you're planning to migrate somewhere, it is advised to postpone it for some days.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a positive day for you, you may get success from your hard work on the professional and domestic front. You may have a good focus and you may complete your work on time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work related short trips, which may be beneficial in near future in terms of your network.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff. You are advised to control spending on worthless stuff, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your harsh speaking with the people around you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you to implement some difficult decisions in parental business, which may grow your parental business. You may help needy people around, which may increase your social respect. Students might be clear in choosing their career options.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel dull, your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling also. You may do some meditation, it will be helpful in sound sleep.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today's blessing from elders' may make you happy, your investments may give you profits. Loses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for the kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by elders. Your patience becomes very good, your focus towards your work may be very good. Your parent's health is now good. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments which may increase harmony in domestic life.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be spiritual, you may help needy people around you. You also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious places. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you, which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull, you may be a victim of hidden fear, which may make you feel scared. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation, chant some prayer, which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of an elder's blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy at work, your network may be increased and with the help of the network you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in near future. Natives related to films, glamour, household stuff, interior will do better.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= (√5+1+√5-1)(√5+1-√5+1)/√20
= ((2√5)(2))/(2√5) = 2

RIDDLER 49,219 (x7 + 9)

QUOTE UNCODE
If we are not free, no one will respect us.

BULL'S EYE
quid, quiz, QUIZZED

FAST FIVE

B	A	H	T	S
U	N	C	L	E
D	E	N	E	S
E	Z	I	N	E
R	O	C	K	Y

STRIKE OUT

D	E	G	R	A	D	E	S	O	A	K	S			
E			E	M	U		A	U	G		E			
S		I	M	P	U	L	S	E		S				
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
2 6, 0 3. Looking across, the numbers in each pair progress: 8, 6, 4, 2; 3, 4, 5, 6; 9, 6, 3, 0; 6, 5, 4, 3

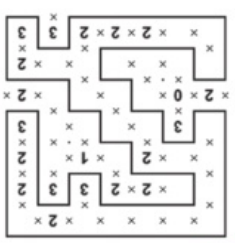
SUDOKU

2	6	1	3	4	9	5	7	8
7	3	9	8	2	5	4	6	1
5	4	8	1	6	7	3	9	2
9	1	7	6	3	8	2	5	4
3	2	5	7	1	4	6	8	9
6	8	4	5	9	2	7	1	3
1	7	6	4	8	3	9	2	5
8	9	3	2	5	6	1	4	7
4	5	2	9	7	1	8	3	6

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 x 8 – 4 – 1 = 27
Medium
9 – 2 + 9 x 5 = 80
Hard
7 + 5 / 6 + 4 = 6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, Ru, Rue, Rule, Cruel, Gutter, Lecture.

LOOP



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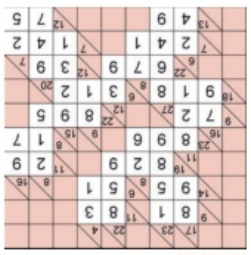

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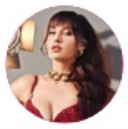

Finding Nora — At the FIFA World Cup's opening ceremony, fans of Nora Fatehi were waiting to catch her performance. But turns out, she was not scheduled to perform at the opening show, but will perform on November 29 at the FIFA Fan Festival

INTERVIEW | MALAIKA ARORA, ACTRESS

Nobody's punching bag

Find out from Malaika how she handles trolls

Malaika Arora will make her OTT debut with her show Moving in with Malaika which will premiere on December 5. Rachit Gupta of ETimes caught up with Malaika on the show, criticism and trolls and a lot more. Excerpts:

Tell us something about Moving in with Malaika.
The show is a little different. It's not like a reality show. It's not like they're following me 24/7. But there's a lot of stuff that you can expect to see on the show, a lot of interesting aspects of my life.

So when the show was pitched to you, you must have had some reservations...
I had said no initially, in the sense, I needed to think about it. But then eventually, we came upon a lot of commonalities, that this is what we can do and can't do. And that's when we could actually come up with a space which was comfortable with me. That's when we could go ahead.

When you partake in a reality show about revealing your private life, do you have to draw a line between what you can share publicly and what is private?
Yeah, I have a line. There are certain things which I will reveal about my private life, but a lot of things which are still off the table.

In the trailer, you made a pertinent point against the trolls...
That's something which was very much a part of the narrative of the show. Because I think people have perceptions because of the trolls that you see. I mean, that's how perceptions are built. And I think I want to bust those perceptions because eventually, people believe what is put out there.

So you're not afraid of the trolls. Have their negativity and jibes ever bothered you?
Certainly not. I think I am today's woman, I think I've had enough and more of my share of experiences in life, and been through my fair share of ups and downs. I'm pretty badass that way. So I don't think I'm somebody who just sits around, taking hit after hit. If somebody punches me, I punch back, I probably punch back so hard that they may not be able to recover from it. I don't really take things lying down. I will call a spade a spade. And I think today's women should be able to stand up and say the things that you feel strongly about and show that it's fine. It's fine to be, to find, to live the life that I am. I mean in today's day and age, divorced women, single parents, etc, are actually looked down upon... when I say looked down upon there's always a lot of criticism. There's someone or the other having some sort of comment and I think we need to change that. And then I want to change if I can, in my own little bit.

Most of the criticism and comment is about your fashion sense...
People criticise everything right from my choices, my fashion choices, or my lifestyle choices, how I go about it, my age, all of it. I am heavily, heavily trolled. So yes, those are exactly the things that I want to address and how I address it.

To read the entire interview just pointing your phone camera at the QR code

Special room for mentor

Telugu comedian Suman Setty has reserved a room in his home for his mentor and director Teja. Apparently, this room is kept as a reserve in case Teja goes bankrupt in the future!

This was revealed by none other than Teja in a TV interview. Teja claimed that he has so far launched 1,163 artistes and technicians in the film industry. "Though I have launched so many artistes, I don't believe the people have gratitude. Only a handful of the artistes I have launched still have the courtesy to speak to me or work with me. One of them is Suman Setty. Suman had built a house. When he came to invite me for the house warming ceremony, he asked me what he could do to help me. I told him he can reserve a room in his house for me if I go bankrupt in future so I can settle down in the room. Till today, he has reserved a room in his house for me where he has kept my photo. The room is cleaned daily. I just hope I never reach such a situation that I have to occupy the room," Teja said.

Setty was launched by Teja in the film Jayam. Setty, a newbie, was selected among a host of freshers. His comic timing was an instant hit and post-Jayam, Setty went on to act in a number of movies in comical roles. However, in recent years, Setty is not seen much in the movies. On the other hand, Teja has a roller coaster ride in the box office.

On movies exceeding expectations, Teja gave an example of Kantara. "Homework is important if you want to make a movie on the pre-estimated budget. Kantara was made at a modest budget and as the homework was done well, the movie became a big hit," Teja added.

—Sridhar Vivan

Favourite spots

Janhvi Kapoor is on cloud 9 lately for the wonderful feedback she's been getting for her performances back-to-back with 'Good Luck Jerry' and 'Mili'. Janhvi has been admitting at several occasions that she wants to be known for being a good actor and not just for her surname.

Recently, she performed at Filmfare awards middle east and shared some pictures from her performance. The actress wrote, "2 favourite places in the world, in front of the camera and on stage..."

Janhvi looked stunning in a blue shimmer outfit during her performance. Meanwhile, she chose to wear a stunning ivory high-slit gown at the award function.

—ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Special feeling!

Pawan Wadeyar, who earned fame for handling the megaphone for Govindaya Namah that was released in March 2012, is excited about his forthcoming film Raymo that is scheduled for release on November 25 across the state.

"Raymo is a love story. I consider Raymo as a special movie for me and am very excited for its release. The lead pair Ishaan and Ashika Ranganath have acted well," said Pawan.

He said the shooting of Raymo was held in Bengaluru, Sirasi, Hyderabad and South Africa. "We had a 15-day shooting schedule for this movie," he said, adding that the producer has made arrangements to release this movie at 150 to 200 theatres across the state.

One more horror

It seems to be the season of horror in Sandalwood. The latest addition to the list of horror movies is Rudheera Kanave. The film is to be released in Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi.

"Initially, our plan was to restrict it to Kannada, but later the producer wanted to dub it into other languages. We faced a lot of problems during the shooting of this movie but producer Vijaykumar supported us to complete it without any hassles," said director Samarth. The trailer and audio of Rudheera Kanave were released on Saturday at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha. Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president Ba Ma Hareesh was the chief guest at the event.